



MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting
October 13, 2020
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order and Roll Call:** Meeting started at 6:02 p.m.

PRAC Members present: Dru Alberti, Daniel Babcock, Ashley Fuller, Brady Hamilton, Karl Kleinebreil (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Michael Shirley, David Sobek and Sylvia Tarin (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

PRAC Members absent: Dave Dobbs, Adam NeVille and Marvin Smith

Council Liaisons present: NA

Staff present: Adam Robinson-Recreation Manager, Alexis Ramirez-Recreation and Communication Analyst, Erica Perez-Recreation Supervisor and Brad Greer-Recreation Coordinator

Public attendees: None

2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Items for Discussion:**

A. Consideration and possible approval of the September 15, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Daniel Babcock

Second: Brady Hamilton

Vote: Approved; Unanimous

B. Update on Trunk or Treat opportunities - Erica Perez, Recreation Supervisor

Erica provided an update on Trunk or Treat opportunities:

- Hay QC! has been a huge hit in the community. We've received additional interest from local businesses to participate next year since the bales have been displayed. One family visited 3_ of the 49 HayQC! Bales around Town!
- Mikey Myers is new this year. Mikey does fun activities and photos are posted on our Facebook page @qc recreation.
- Opportunity to be a Trunk or Treat virtual contest judge - we need three judges for each contest and judging will occur from Oct. 22 to Oct. 26 online

- #HouseGhouls Decorating - Spookiest House, Best Door & Window Decor, Most Creative and Best Halloween Spirit
- Pumpkin Decorating
 - Two age groups: 12 year & under and 12 years & older
 - Three categories: Scariest Pumpkin, Prettiest Pumpkin and Most Creative Pumpkin
- Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume - Canine, Equine and Critter
- Spooktacular Costume
 - Three age groups: 0-5 years, 6-12 years and 13 years & older
 - Three categories: Scariest, Best Group/Duo and Best Makeup

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- I can't judge the pet costume as I've entered some photos. I do wish there was a way to submit a video versus a photo as videos are so cute.

C. Discussion on businesses in the parks - Adam Robinson, Recreation Manager
 Adam provided a review of the staff report and the various Town Codes and Park Regulations that could help enforce or allow businesses in the parks. Staff asked PRAC to continue to think about this item and discuss with their network of friends, family, neighbors, etc.

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- None

D. Discussion on East Park site amenities - Adam

Adam provided an update of the East Park site amenities including a history on how the

Discussion/Questions/Comments:

- It would be helpful to understand how much parking is available in each section of the park. When we do the more detailed design review, will want to know how many spaces are allotted to each part of the park
- Would want to see this park address some of the safety concerns parents have discussed with me regarding the Mansel Park playground being near the lake and lack of line of sight throughout the main play area. Also heard there are not enough swings and play areas for older children, want to include the Warrior Ninja type pieces
- Agree with the need for more cross training or Warrior Ninja type course equipment that is aimed at older children and adults.
- More innovative, more groundbreaking, more Green. Can we partner with ASU engineering students to do a student project to be more sustainable and innovative?
 - Yes, innovation is always something we look to do and staff will talk to the design team about if and how we can reach out and incorporate a student team.
- Likes Concept 2A but any of the designs with the soccer fields grouped together is there a way to orient them so there is parking nearby them all for handicap/disabled or give an opportunity for a designated drop off area, appears like a far distance to walk
- Growing trends with permeable pavement or white pavement versus black top for heat shield, new concept on types of surface. Upfront expense but could apply for LWCF funds/grants, would absolutely help with application and process.
- Nice to have parking lot proximity to the ballfields but can also be a car damage issue/safety concern, keep in mind to allow for warm up space around the ballfields, caution that using the minimum size lake eliminates the ability to use the lake as a resource during drought seasons or major equipment malfunction.
- Would want to see proximity and measured walking distance to key amenities later on. Spoke to people at Mansel Park and they did appreciate the fence around the lake near the play areas and a couple of comments about line of sight with the elevated hill.

- Since we are not calling this park the Queen Creek Sports Complex anymore, would like to name the park, instead of just calling it East Park Project
- Trees in between the fields are not conducive to use as families bring lots of popups and the trees just get in the way.
 - Ground Maintenance would agree that it is very challenging to keep the trees between the fields healthy. Also, material falling from the trees degrades the quality of infield material, leading to additional maintenance and faster replacement times.
- Are there any trail connectors to the park?
 - Ryan Road SRP easement has a trail running all the way to Ellsworth Road. There is also the sidewalk plus multi-use path trail along Signal Butte south to Ocotillo - not a wash trail but does have the sidewalk and 10 ft decomposed granite (DG) path.

E. Department Updates

- Founders' (Day) Celebration ended with a "Live" Stock Experience and announcing Queen Creek Fire and Medical as the winner of the Battle of the Badge!
- Non-Town events are up and running including QC Festival and QC Family Market in Town Center and Schnepf Farms' Pumpkin and Chili Party.
- QCHS, Casteel HS and Heritage Academy are hosting cross country meets at Mansel Park.
- Youth Sport Leagues are in full swing at the parks and Special Interest Classes are happening at both the Recreation Annex and in the parks.
- Erica Perez provided all the Trunk or Treat updates in Item B.

F. Next PRAC meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2021.

5. **Announcements:** None
6. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.
Motion to adjourn: Karl Kleinebreil
Second: Brady Hamilton
Vote: Approved; Unanimous

PREPARED BY: Alexis Ramirez on October 13, 2020

PASSED AND APPROVED: February 9, 2021

David W. Dobbs

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Dave Dobbs, PRAC Chair






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